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A TRUE
A C C O U N T
Of that
Famous Conjunction
O F
Saturn and Jupiter,

On Monday, the 9th of October, 1682.

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The Seventh Conjunction since the Creation: which Conjunction happens once in 794 Years, 133 Days, and 16 Hours; always Prenoting great and wonderful Events.

THE Planets are said to have a particular Influence upon some particular Objects, whether they be either Persons or Things, and that according to their several Properties.

As Saturn is said to have most influence upon and most signification of the most Ancient Families in any Place, &c.

Jupiter signifies Church-men, Lawyers, and the Nobility and Gentry of any Nation, &c.

Mars signifies Souldiers, &c.

The Sun represents Emperours, Kings, Magistrates, &c.

Venus hath most signification of Women, &c.

Mercury of Merchants, Treasurers, Clerks, &c.

The Moon represents the Common People, &c.

Their various Effects are produced according to the variety of their Species, and so Saturn causeth much Tribulation and Sorrow, Depopulations, &c.

Mars is causer of Wars, Murthers, Robberies, excess of Heat, Pestilencies, &c.

The fortunate Planets signifie Tranquility, &c.

These are the several Significations of the Planets simply considered by themselves, but their Influences are intended or remitted by their mixtures one with another, as also by their various Positions and Aspects.

1. By their Positions in Signs or several parts of the Circle in which they are said to be, and have most Principle Respect unto.

2. By Position, in the Houses or Parts of Heaven which are nearer the Horizontal and Meridional Points, or by their propinquity to the Earth, as well in respect of their own Excentriques, as by their various Scituations in respect of the Motion of the Earth it self. So that in the middle of their Retrogrations, they being much nearer the Earth, are more powerful in their Influencies.

They are also augmented or diminished in their Operations, in respect of their oblique or direct Positions to the Earth, and also by their various Aspects and Conjunctions. (An Aspect is an Angle formed at the Earth, by the Beams of two Planets at a certain proportional distance one from another, having great power to stir up influence.

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The most Principal Aspects of the Planets among themselves are these four, viz. *Sextile, Quartile, Trine, Opposition.*

The Conjunctions of the Planets, improperly called Aspects, are the Corporal Union of their Beams, and is of most power among other Configurations, a Conjunction of the infortunate Planets is very malevolent, of the fortunate benevolent, of the fortunes with the infortunes, is good to the bad Planets, but evil to the good.

And Note, That of all the Aspects; the *Conjunction* and *Opposition*, have most proper signification of the Generation and Corruption of Elementary Bodies.

According to the different Properties of these Aspects it cometh to pass, that by the different and frequent mixtures and union of the Beams of the Stars and Planets, their Influences are intended or remitted, from the true knowledge whereof and of their several Natures is derived the whole Body of Astrological Judgments.

As to that famous Conjunction of the two Superiours, *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, it happens the 9th Day of this Month, at about 10 of the Clock at Night; or something past, in 19 Degrees, and between 3 and 4 Minutes of the Regal Sign *Leo*, being one of the fiery Trigon, but the Motions of these Planets being very slow, (*Saturn* performing his Revolution but once in a little less than 30 Years, and *Jupiter* performing his in something less than 12 Years) they may be seen together for many Nights, they will be then seen to rise in the East about 12 of the Clock at night, a little before that bright fixed Star, called *Cor Leonis*, or the *Lions Heart*, being about 6 Degrees then distant from it, their Latitude is North, *Saturn's* being the greatest, viz. 36 Minutes, and *Jupiter* wants but 5 Minutes of the same Latitude, at the time of their Conjunction about 20 Degrees of *Cancer* will ascend; and 10 Degrees of *Aries* will be upon the Meridian, about 10 Degrees of *Capricorn* descending in the West; but to erect a Figure of the Heavens for the exact time, would be too nice, seeing a Minute mistook, as to their place, will cause some Hours difference, as to the true time of their Conjunction.

And Note, That this Conjunction is the more observable, because it falls out but seldom, which is once in almost 800 Years, which is to be understood thus; viz. that in something less than 800 Years, that is in 794 Years, 133 Days and 16 Hours, these Planets complete a Revolution of all the Triplicities, and if so, then this must be the 7th Conjunction from the beginning of the World, it being about 5685 Years since the Creation, which may then be termed a *Subastical Conjunction*, and also it has been observed by *Historiographers*, and *Astrologers*, that these great and notable Conjunctions did always precede some notable and eminent Mutations or strange Catastrophies in the World, as before the Coming of our Saviour, &c. all which were observed to happen in the fiery Trigon, particularly in the fiery Sign *Leo*, and so about 800 Years hence we must expect the Conjunction of these two ponderous Planets in this Trigon and Sign again, they running through all the Triplicities in that space of time, and note, that they continue in one Triplicity near 200 Years, making 10 Conjunctions in one Triplicity or Trigon, so that once in twenty Years they make their Conjunction in such Signs as are in trine to one another. Neither is to be neglected the Conjunction of the two Infortunes, *Saturn* and *Mars*, the last Month also in the Regal Sign *Leo*, all the three Superiours being then in that Sign, which is very rare: but yet nevertheless, these Conjunctions are not to be accounted Prodigies, seeing they happen according to the constant and natural Course of the Planets, and therefore if those direful and terrifying Effects which *Astrologers* Prognosticate shall happen to some, and good to others, be not so much regarded, I think it will be neither breach of Christianity or true Piety, for certainly God hath no where in Holy Writ, bid us look for the Determination of Providence among the Stars, but hath on the contrary, bid us not to fear the Signs of Heaven, or be dismayed, which many are apt needlessly to be, at they know not what, as if there was not one Infinite and All-sufficient Essence, who hath created, and doth preserve, and govern all things according to his Divine Will. But I will not dispute about the Predictions of Astrology, but leave these notable Consequents to be scanned by the Sons of Art, not much regarding what they shall predict, seeing *Deus regit Astra*, which were made for the use of Man's but, to speak more Astrologically, we must consider what are the simple significations of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, and that *Jupiter* signifying the *Sellarian Party*, &c.

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